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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MID-RANGE VINYLIDENE CONTENT
POLYISOBUTYLENE POLYMER PRODUCTS

CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Mail Stop Patent Application
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

Continuing Application Information:

- ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
- ☒ Prior U.S. Application Serial No.: 10/102,279, filed March 19, 2002, which claims priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/279,305 filed on March 28, 2001, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Prior Application Information:

- ☒ Examiner: Fred M. Teskin
☒ Group/Art Unit: 1713

Application Elements:

- ☒ Application transmittal containing Fee Calculation and Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail".
☒ A check in the amount of \$1,190.00 to cover the application filing fee.
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
☒ Specification, Claims (1-29) and Abstract of the Disclosure (35 total pages).
☒ Original drawings (Figures 1-2, 2 total sheets).
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 document) (2 total pages).
☐ Newly-executed [original/s] [copy/ies].
☒ Copy from a prior application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).

Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" (37 C.F.R. 1.10)

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Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Patent Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment (4 total pages).
☐ A check in the amount of \$[40.00] to cover the Assignment recordation filing fee.
☒ The prior application is Assigned of record to Texas Petrochemicals LP and was recorded on March 19, 2002 at Reel 012734/Frame 0682 (3 pages).

Documents reflecting change in Power of Attorney/Correspondence Address.

- ☐ [Revocation of] Power of Attorney [and Appointment of New Power of Attorney] [by Assignee]. [Change of Correspondence Address –Application (PTO/SB/122).]
☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) (where there is an Assignee).
☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO/SB/08A (PTO-1449).
☐ Copies of IDS Citations.
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently in the prior application ([] total pages).
☐ Preliminary Amendment ([] total pages).
☐ Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) ([] total pages).
☒ Itemized Return Receipt Post Card.
☐ Certified copy of priority document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
☐ Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
☐ Other: _____

Fee Calculation:

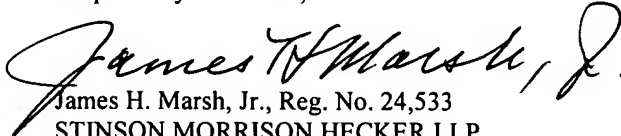
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Multiple Dependent Claims (one time fee)					0	x	\$290	=	0
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(a), Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of March 18, 2004, the date upon which the Application was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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